

HUGE MERGER IN STEAMSHIP LINES FORMED AMONG BRITISH

All Australasian Shipping and All British Liner Service To Canada Except Canadian Pacific Are Now Under One Head

CUNARD AND P. & O. ARE PRINCIPAL LINES INVOLVED

Honolulu Affected Inasmuch As Canadian-Australasian Steamers Are In Great Combination Announced From London

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3—A huge steamship merger taking in lines owning five hundred vessels and valued at two billion dollars has just been consummated in London, according to a cablegram received here last night by the shipping firm of Hind, Rolf & Co.

The merger is headed by Lord Inchcape, head of the Peninsular & Oriental steamship line. The lines which have been consolidated under one general management and ownership include the Cunard, Peninsular & Oriental, Commonwealth, Dominion, Allan and the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand.

These lines control all shipping between Australia, New Zealand and India and between the countries mentioned and England and Canada. Several smaller lines, besides the big ones mentioned, are included in the merger.

It is stated that the purpose of the merger is to make possible better steamship routing, to eliminate duplication of steamer service and to enable the operation of the shipping business on a more economical basis.

The news of this merger is of great interest to Honolulu in view of the fact that one of the lines taken into the consolidation, the Canadian-Australasian, belonging to the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand, touches this port. A considerable part of Honolulu's incoming and outgoing freight is carried by the Union Steamship Company's vessels, and many passengers arriving and departing travel on these ships.

RECRUITING RULES FOR THE ENTENTE

Baker Prescribes Conditions Under Which Allies May Work

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)

WASHINGTON, June 3—Secretary of War Baker announced yesterday the regulations which are to govern the recruiting in this country for men for the armies of America's allies, which was authorized by a law recently enacted by congress.

Before any government may recruit men here for its army, Secretary Baker states, it must obtain the approval of the war department. The allies may either assemble and train their recruits in this country or send them home for training.

Great Britain, it is announced, will begin open recruiting in the United States immediately.

FORTY-SIX GERMAN SHIPS PUT TO USE

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 3—Forty-six German interned vessels, aggregating 240,779 tons, were taken over by the Brazilian government yesterday and will be used for government purposes. A decree authorizing the seizure of the vessels was signed by the President yesterday.

GERMAN PACIFISTS BURNING-FACTORIES

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)

COPENHAGEN, June 3—German semi-official statements attribute the large number of recent fires in munition factories to the work of pacifists.

Training Camps For Officers For Second Army Soon To Be Opened

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)

WASHINGTON, June 3—Training camps for prospective officers for the second half million men to be recruited by the government toward the great army this country is going to raise to send against the forces of Germany will be opened throughout the country on August 27, according to an announcement by the war department yesterday. It is announced that men over thirty-one years of age will be favored in the consideration of application, which may be made between June 15 and July 15.

FOOD CONTROL BILL IS ALMOST A LAW

Under It Appointment of Hoover Will Soon Be Official

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)

WASHINGTON, June 3—The first of the food control bills passed the senate yesterday by an unrecorded vote. It had already passed the house, but the senate made numerous amendments to the bill.

One of the most important features of the measure is that which provides for the appointment of a national food controller. It is known that Herbert C. Hoover, formerly head of the Belgian relief commission, will be appointed to this position by President Wilson. He is already acting unofficially in the capacity of food controller.

Another drastic feature of the bill forbids speculating in futures in foodstuffs. An amendment added by the senate makes it a felony to hoard or destroy cold-storage products for the purpose of affecting the market price.

A survey of the food situation throughout the nation is provided for in the bill, while another provision authorizes the food controller and other departments of the government to take all needed measures to stimulate the production of foodstuffs throughout the country.

King Alcohol is given a body blow by the bill, the President being authorized by it to prohibit the use of grain for the manufacture of intoxicants.

The bill carries an appropriation of \$11,000,000 for the carrying out of its provisions. As passed by the house the bill carried an appropriation of \$5,720,000.

HUNDREDS OF SHIPS ARE BEING BUILT

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RUMANIA MAY MAKE IMPORTANT REFORMS

(By The Associated Press)

JASSY, Rumania, May 30—At the opening of the Rumanian parliament at the end of May the government will propose important reforms of an economic, social and political nature, comprising agrarian reforms, an extension of political rights and universal suffrage. Most of these reforms have been forecast by King Ferdinand in speeches to his troops.

The most important of the measures proposed by the government are the expropriation of two million hectares from large estates and the expropriation of their entirety of state, crown and mortmain properties. The manner of dividing and paying compensation for such properties will be settled by parliament.

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SUBMARINES BATTLE; FRENCH SINKS GERMAN

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)

ROME, June 2—The French submarine Corvo has torpedoed and sunk a big enemy submarine off Cattaro, Montenegro, on the Adriatic Sea.

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)

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BURNETT SUSPICIOUS OF EXECUTIVE POWER

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Burnett stated, in support of his resolution, that if the President can suspend the law to let Mexicans enter the country, he can just as easily suspend it to allow Asiatics to come in. He thinks that this places too much power in the hands of the executive.

TAX ADVERTISING ADVISES PUBLISHERS

Increased Postage Opposed Before Senate By Magazine Men

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)

WASHINGTON, June 3—The taxation of advertising receipts in lieu of the proposed increase in postage on second-class matter was urged here yesterday by publishers and newspapermen, magazine and other publications at an informal conference with some of the prominent senators.

Following the conference Senator Simmons made the statement that the senate committee of the senate had already determined that a levy of second-class postage on newspapers, magazines and other publications at an informal conference with some of the prominent senators.

The newspaper publishers protest vigorously against the proposed increase in second-class postage rates, declaring that the measure, as proposed, would have the effect of driving many publications out of business.

JEWISH COLONISTS ARE FARMING IN PALESTINE

(By The Associated Press)

CAIRO, May 15—A report from the government's Arab Bureau on the subject of agriculture in Palestine says: "In the neighborhood of Jerusalem a good deal of scientific dry farming is being carried on by Jewish colonists kept loose by continual illages. The Arabs do not use harrows, but the Jewish colonists have introduced the harrow and the American 'pulverizer' with excellent results. The ploughs chiefly in use in Palestine are the primitive Arab 'bough' and the German plough used throughout the Jewish and German colonies. British ploughs are said to be too heavy and the shape unsuitable. In the orange and olive plantations American ploughs are used exclusively and also American zig-zag harrows."

BIG PIG EATS LESS THAN LITTLE CHICKEN

(By The Associated Press)

LONDON, May 30—Keep pigs instead of chickens, is the government's latest advice to householders bent on maintaining the food supply at the least possible expense. It appears that it costs less to feed a big pig than it does to feed a little chicken. Chickens eat too much corn, for want of which horse raising is about to be halted in this country, while pigs will clean up all the waste and scraps from the table.

TRAMCARS ARE USED IN FOOD ECONOMY CAMPAIGN

(By The Associated Press)

GLASGOW, May 15—Glasgow tramcars are now being used in the food economy campaign. Each car has food economy cards on the windows. Night cards are set apart for smokers. Specially illuminated, these cars are sent to different parts of the city so that speakers may address open-air meetings.

INDEPENDENCE IS DEMANDED BY POLES

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)

AMSTERDAM, June 2—The Polish National Council has demanded the extension of its activities to all of Poland and part of Lithuania and the recognition of Polish independence.

CROWN PRINCE MAKES BLOODY SACRIFICES IN VAIN ATTEMPT

Since May 20 He Has Wasted His Army Against French Defenses In Sixteen Assaults, None of Which Succeeded

GERMAN REGIMENTS ARE COMPLETELY WIPED OUT

Veteran Army Gone and Raw Troops, Trained Behind the Lines, Have Been Thrown Into Bloody Maw of French Artillery

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)

NEW YORK, June 3—Thousands of German lives have been sacrificed by the Crown Prince during the past two weeks, according to a report received here from the Associated Press correspondent at French army headquarters, in a vain attempt to regain the range of hills in the Champagne taken by the French in their great drive which has just ended temporarily.

Against Mont Carnillet, Casque, Teton and Mont Haut, the elevations which comprise a strategically important range of hills, the Germans have launched wave after wave of men in the customary German mass formation, and wave by wave they have been mowed down by machine-gun fire and bursting shrapnel and high explosive shells.

Twenty Days' Massacre
No fewer than sixteen assaults have been made by the Germans since May 20—an average of more than one a day—and every one of them has failed. So worn out and exhausted have the Germans become from the ceaseless fighting, and so terrible have been their losses, that they are using raw and untried troops. Green regiments are being brought up and trained behind the lines, then hurled into the deadly hail of fire, only in their turn to be crushed and thrown back in disorder.

GERMANY IS AFTER SUBMARINE BASE NEAR VENEZUELA

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)

WASHINGTON, June 3—A report has been received here that Germany is negotiating with Venezuela to obtain control of the island of Margarita off the Venezuela coast, to be used as a submarine base.

The administration, through Secretary of State Lansing, has taken the matter up officially with the Venezuelan government and told it that Washington feels "uneasiness" on account of the report. This indication that the United States will not permit any such violation of neutrality is expected to put a stop to such negotiations, if they are actually in progress.

JAPANESE EMPHASIZE THEIR FRIENDSHIP

(By The Associated Press)

TOKIO, May 12—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Leading Japanese accorded a hearty welcome to Lindsay Russell, president of the Japan Society of New York, who is now visiting the Far East, and seized the occasion, also to re-emphasize Japanese friendship toward the United States.

Among the many functions in honor of Mr. Russell were dinners given by Baron Hachiroemon Mitsu and Baron Eishi Shibusawa. Speaking of Mr. Russell's work in the United States in bringing about a more sympathetic understanding of Japan and its peoples, Baron Shibusawa said that he hoped Mr. Russell would bring back from his visit to China the conviction that "China could best be developed by the United States and Japan working together."

REVOLT IN CHINA BECOMING SERIOUS

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)

PEKING, June 3—The revolt in this country against the government is spreading rapidly, nine provinces being now reported as having declared their independence of the central government on account of the refusal of the president to reinstate Tuan Chi Jui as premier.

The provinces of Anhui, Chihli, Hupe, Chekiang, Fokien and Honan, it is reported, have not only declared their independence but threaten to send a military expedition to Peking to reinstate Tuan Chi Jui by force. The president declines to be intimidated and says he is ready to die for his country, if necessary.

MACHINE GUN FACTORY BUILT IN FORTY DAYS

(By The Associated Press)

LONDON, May 30—The erection of a British machine gun factory in three months has attracted a great deal of attention among the nation's building fraternity. Two months after the building was up a steady supply of guns was being turned out. The steel work, 1320 tons, for the main building was delivered and erected in just over forty days. There are 9500 window panes. The floor space is 2 1/2 acres, accommodating more than 1600 machines, electrically driven and worked by women.

GERMAN PLANES FAIL IN MIDAIR Faulty Construction Results In Disaster When Aviators Attempt Battle

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)

NEW YORK, June 3—Aerial battles, which have for several days been the feature of the fighting on the western front, were limited yesterday by general cloudiness, according to a report from the Associated Press correspondent at British army headquarters in France. The German aviators, however, attempted to fly over the British lines, but met with disaster on account of the faulty aeroplanes, which broke to pieces when they tried to attack the British airmen.

Artillery fire along the front is gradually increasing in volume and intensity, making it appear probable that the Allies intend soon to resume the offensive and complete the smashing of von Hindenburg's already badly shattered line.

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But the Kaiser, in private letters to the Empress, has admitted that the fighting in France has reached a "certain conclusion" since April 1.

BRITISH TOTAL GAINS

During the great offensive, which has died down for the moment, the British advanced their lines

along a front of twenty miles, from Loos to a point south of Bullecourt, their greatest gain being an extreme depth of six miles east of Arras.

Early in the offensive the British won a vastly important victory in the capture of Vimy ridge, which dominates the plains surrounding Douai, one of the most important German strongholds in France. They also virtually surrounded Lens and maintained their gains despite the most desperate repeated counter attacks by the German infantry. They inflicted terrible losses upon the troops of von Hindenburg who were hurled against them in mass formation, only to be blown to atoms by high explosive and mowed down like grain by the pitiless fire of machine guns.

FRENCH ON HIGH GROUND

(By The Associated Press)

The French, in their section of the line, advancing along a fifteen-mile front north of the Aisne, seized the heights dominating the valley of the Ailette, the last natural defense in front of Laon, the retention of which is regarded as absolutely essential to the integrity of von Hindenburg's present line of defense.

CROWN PRINCE BEATEN

(By The Associated Press)

In the Champagne the French made extremely important gains in the face of desperate resistance on the part of the forces commanded by the German Crown Prince. They took the heights of Mont Carnillet and Casque, Teton and Mont Haut, comprising a dominating ridge of hills, and held them against desperate attempts on the part of the Germans to regain them by counter attacks. The crown prince sacrificed thousands of his men in fruitless attempts to retrieve the lost positions.

RUSSIAN ANARCHISTS CONTROL SITUATION

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)

LONDON, June 3—Chaotic conditions in Russia were still further complicated yesterday by the arrest of Grand Duke Nicholas, former commander in chief of the Russian army and lately commander of the Russian armies in the Caucasus. The grand duke is accused of complicity in the royalist riots at Tiflis, Trans-Caucasia, where his headquarters have been located since he was deposed from command of all the Russian armies by the Czar and put in command of the campaign against the Turks.

Anarchy is rampant in the new Republic, according to despatches from Petrograd. It is reported from there that armed anarchists, carrying banners with the slogan "Down With Authority," paraded the streets of the capital Friday, speaking urging the people to rise and loot the banks. Many soldiers and sailors took part in the demonstration. No arrests were made.

As an example of the lengths to which the newly liberated workmen are going, it is reported that the workmen in the Bourtz mines have demanded a minimum of 250 rubles a month—equal to about \$125 in American money.

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(By The Associated Press)

DUBLIN, May 30—It is stated from various Irish districts that returned Irish Americans of military age who have been in Ireland on a visit have been notified by the police to hold themselves in readiness to respond to the President's call on all American citizens with the formation of the new American army. The men are all pleased at the prospect of an early crossing.

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HUGE PINE ORDER FOR SHIPS PLACED

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WASHINGTON, June 3—Major General Goethals ordered yesterday 140,000,000 feet of lumber from the Southern Pine Association to be used in the construction of one hundred wooden vessels, which the government proposes to use for the transportation of supplies and munitions to Europe and to help defeat the submarine menace. Each of the vessels is to cost \$35,000.

The administration proposed recently to construct 1000 wooden vessels in an attempt to cope with the German submarines. All the steel shipbuilding yards in the country are crowded with orders and working to the limit of their capacity, but it was discovered by a survey that there is a considerable number of plants equipped or capable of being quickly equipped to construct wooden vessels, and a part of the program is to be carried out.

General Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal, was placed in charge of the work of having these small wooden vessels turned out as rapidly as possible. He has several times gone on record as being personally opposed to the plan, stating that he did not believe it would meet expectations. Through a compromise, he is going ahead with the construction of two hundred of the vessel as rapidly as possible. Some of the wooden vessels are to be built on the Atlantic coast and some on the Pacific Coast.

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BOY FIRST MEXICAN TO JOIN OUR ARMY

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EL PASO, May 30—A brunette boy wearing a yeoman's uniform at the naval training station in San Francisco as the first American boy of Mexican parentage here to join the United States navy since the declaration of a stage of war was made by the President. He is Carlos Porras, son of a Mexican laborer here. Carlos was educated in one of the Mexican schools on the south side and, when the first call for naval recruits was received, he enlisted and was sent to San Francisco.